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PORT ASSIGNMENTS OF MULTIPLE APPLICATION INSTANCES USING  
THE SAME SOURCE IP ADDRESS**

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC §134, 37 CFR 1.191, and MPEP §1205, the Applicants in the above-identified patent application hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Office Action dated May 3, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated July 19, 2005 at least twice rejecting or finally rejecting Claims 1-11, 13-17, 19-24, 26-30, 32, 34 and 36-47.

☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Appeal fee as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

☒ Also enclosed: Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review; Reasons in Support of Applicant's Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review.

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